GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

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Accidents in Drug Manufacturing Units
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether cases of injuries/death due to lethal gas leakage in drug manufacturing companies in various parts of the country have been reported;
(b)if so, the details thereof during the last three years company-wise;
(c)whether any compensation has been provided by the Government to the families of the injured/deceased, if so, the details thereof; and
(d)the preventive steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) & (b): The Number of fatal and non-fatal Injuries in all chemical factories which includes drug manufacturing companies registered under the Factories Act, 1948 State/UT-wise during years 2012, 2013 & 2014 as per the information collected from the office of Chief Inspectors of Factories is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(c): Compensation is payable by the employer as per the provisions of the Employees Compensation Act, 1923.

(d): The Government of India has enacted a comprehensive legislation i.e. the Factories Act, 1948, for taking care of the occupational safety, health & welfare issues of the workers employed in manufacturing sector including chemical factories. There are elaborate provisions pertaining to the health, safety, welfare i.e. provisions related to hazardous process, working hours, penal provisions etc. and the Rules prescribed there under are sufficient to ensure safety of the workers as far as the manufacturing sector is concerned. The Factories Act, 1948 and the State Factories Rules framed there under are enforced by the respective State/UTs and the State/UTs are empowered to carryout inspections for enforcement of the provisions of the Act and the Rules.
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